



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 8TH APRIL 2018

Dear Friends,

It was lovely to see so many of you over the Triduum for the Holy Week services and liturgies. Our congregation swelled even more over the Easter weekend with many attending Masses and praising the Risen Lord.

"He is Risen, as he said." Alleluia

Thank you very much for your generous Easter offerings.

Fr. Eduard

100 Club Those who pay by cash or cheque are reminded that their annual payment of **£12 a share** is due. We would like to keep the prize money at £100 at least each month. To do this we will need to have more members. Please contact either Margaret or Adrian on 01268 753740 to arrange payment.

Gift Aid Some Gift Aid boxes have yet to be picked up - please try and remember to collect yours as you will need them from this weekend. **(If you normally attend St. Thomas More Church please let me know and I will arrange for your box to be available there.)** The smaller boxes for those who contribute by standing order are also available. If you pay tax, why not let the parish benefit from the money you have already paid, by joining the scheme? You can use the weekly envelopes or by standing order - we are able to claim back 20p for every pound you donate. More information from Julie in the Parish Office.

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Joseph Church, Leigh on Sea at 2.30pm on 8th April.

Rosary on the coast Led by Deacon Richard Cerson. Hadleigh Castle Essex, Castle Lane, Hadleigh SS7 2PP. Everyone in South Essex is invited to join together at 3pm on Sunday 29th April for the Rosary on the Coast at this

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+ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY +
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 7TH/8TH APRIL 2018

Holy Family	6pm (Sat)	1st Mass of Sunday - Intentions of Maureen Fogg who is ill
St. Thomas More Holy Family	8.30am 10am	Mass - People of the parish Mass - Billy Loughrey RIP
Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh	2.30pm	Divine Mercy Feast

Monday, 9th April - The Annunciation of The Lord - Solemnity

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Gerry Walsh RIP
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Tuesday, 10th April up to and including Friday, 13th April

No Masses

Saturday, 14th April - Feria

Holy Family	9am	Mass - Intentions of Noel Kolb Followed by Confessions until 10am
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+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) +
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - 14TH/15TH APRIL 2018

Holy Family	6pm (Sat)	1st Mass of Sunday - Intentions of the Sisters of Mercy
St. Thomas More Holy Family	8.30am 10am	Mass - People of the parish Mass - Intentions of Roxana Coliev

Prayers at the end of Mass

The prayer to Holy Michael Archangel and The Angelus prayer are in the back of the Mass Books. The Regina Coeli (said during Eastertide instead of the Angelus) is on page 350 of the Mass Books

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Victoria Thomas, Sheila Taiani, Isabella Podlesny, Margaret Harrison, Elaine O'Connell, Mary Keeble, Eileen Sharp, Richard Wait, Mary O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Lale, Joan Maughan, Anne Burgess, Marion Byas, Joan Peirce, Greta Taylor, Iris Matthews, Helen Holloway, Joan Garvey, the Harris family, Lizza Hodgkins, Angela Purkis, Rita Horton, Bailey Holden, Amy Shead, Thomas Ball, Dave, Oliver Cripps, Martin Treanor, Mary McWilliam, Ursula Hehir, John McGaughey, Mark Merry, Sue Griffiths, Steve Toms, Michael Cray, David Bradford, Baby Jack, Kath Donovan, Chris Gauld, Sheena Reeves, Mavis James, Peter & Elsie Galloway, Tah-ndi, Joan Doe, Angela Lingard, Maureen Fogg, Fr. Eamonn Power, Fr. Paul Cox Joyce Short, **Baby Finnian Graham (born prematurely), Lorraine Kelly and Vicky Fenn.**
(To add or remove a name from these list, please 'phone or email the parish office).

stunning hilltop location overlooking the River Thames. Please join us, as we honour Our Lady, pray for a flourishing of the faith in our country, in our parishes and our communities.

Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill Baroness Nuala O'Loan's Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill is proceeding through Parliament. This Bill will protect medical staff from having to be involved in abortion-related activities and activities involving the withdrawal of medication, nutrition and fluids from patients at the end of life. This is an important Bill and further information about it, including how to contact your MP, can be found at <http://www.freeconscience.org.uk/>.

THY KINGDOM COME: The Vicariate of Evangelisation are joining in with THY KINGDOM COME 2018 - a global wave of prayer for the renewal of the Christian faith. It could not be easier for everyone, of all ages and levels of business, to help our own families, friends, parish, Diocese and the nation to renew their friendship with Jesus. All you have to do is to pledge to pray between May 10-20. More information and resources will be made available during the weeks coming up to the event. In the meantime you can log into <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> for more information.

A Witness to Life in the Shadow of Death. A nine day novena of prayer and witness outside the abortion centre at 108 Whitfield St, London, W1T 5BE (nearest station Warren street). We beg you to come in a loving, prayerful attitude to bear a peaceful witness to life, 8 am to 4pm each day from Wednesday 18th April until Thursday 26th April (only 12noon until 1pm on Sunday the 22nd of April) www.goodcounselnetwork.com

WORKS OF MERCY - The Helpers of God's Precious Infants The next Rosary Procession Vigil of The Helpers of God's Precious Infants, led by Father Jacob Hausman CFR, will be held on Saturday 21st April 2018, at St. Patrick's Church, 21a Soho Square, London W1D 4NR. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 9am. after which we will begin our Rosary Procession, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes Abortion Centre, Whitfield Street, W1T 5BE, where we shall pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns. At approximately 11.30am we return to the Church for Benediction, followed by refreshments. For full details see poster on church notice board. For further details tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org A mother who had a change of heart and kept her baby at one of our vigils contacted the counsellor to say that she is 'unable to express her gratitude.' Her baby was born in January '18.

Offertory Collection Figures

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Reg. Charity No. 234092

Gift aid it! Please!

Date	2018	2017	2016	Attendance
24/25 March	£982.19	£870.78	£964.30	235 plus 36 children

Church Car Parks Parking in this area is at a premium and we have a big problem with people using our car parks without permission. We have a particular problem at Holy Family and are doing our best to remedy this. We would remind parishioners that if you wish to park your car in Holy Family Car Park at times you are not attending Mass or attending a function in the hall, you should contact the parish office or Fr. Eduard, for a dated permit to be issued. Thank you

Hospital visits At Southend Hospital there are regular arrangements for visits by the Catholic chaplain, Fr. Gerry Drummond, Parish Priest of St Teresa's in Rochford, and for Holy Communion on Sunday. Let the nursing staff know you would like a visit. In emergencies a Catholic priest can be called by hospital staff, but the first point of contact should be the chaplain. Contact Fr. Gerry Drummond on 01702 435555 or 07919 416263.

† May they Rest In Peace †

Please pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur around now.

Fr. Thomas Adkins, Fr. Anthony Lawson, Fr. Patrick Donohoe, Fr. Owen Fitzgerald, Fr. John O'Mahoney, Fr. Bernard Latchford, Lucy Arnold, Thomas Watts, Joseph Lenzi, Bill Williams, Dorothy Keen, Donald Deefholts, Ann Ford, Kathleen Ranger, Emmanuela De. Bono, John Philip Mooney, Michael Kelly, Nancy Shovelin, George Pullinger, Miriam Deacon, Anne Flaherty, Doris Price, Ted Verschoyle, Sean Mulvanny, Baby April Fletcher, Cornelius O'Sullivan, Llewellyn Jenkins, Peggy Pozsar, Audrey Allcock, Maureen Gomer, Violet Studd, Danny McAndrew, Teresa McCarthy, Billy Loughrey, Mary Paterson, John Murphy, Bernard Jenkinson, Irene Rivens, Robert T. Keeble, Amy Charman, Mary McCarthy, Alison Smith, Alfred Donellan, Rose Johnson, John Kyle, and Eileen Andrews.

† May their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, Rest in Peace †

(To add a name to the Anniversary Book please contact the parish office),